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Our aim was to raise health awareness.

We aimed to raise health awareness.

1 There was an extremely positive response to both initiatives.

Employees _____ .

2 94% of participants expressed appreciation of the theme days.

94% of participants said they _____ .

3 A group has also been formed to come up with improvements for the office space.

A group has also been formed to come up with ways we _____ .

4 Our intention is to organize a contest involving physical activities.

We _____ .

See page 141 for more information about nominalization, and do Exercises 6 and 7.

10b

Rewrite the sentences. Nominalize the underlined verb phrases. You may need to make other changes.

1 We were attempting to encourage more collaboration.

It was _____ .

2 Participation rates have increased significantly.

There has _____ .

3 Some people resisted the idea at first.

There was _____ .

4 We don't intend to repeat this exercise.

We have _____ .

5 It was decided to test the idea on a small section of employees.

A _____ .

6 It was interesting to see how employees reacted to the initiative.

It was interesting to see _____ .

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- 1 Employees responded extremely positively to both initiatives.
- 2 94% of participants said they appreciated the theme days.
- 3 A group has also been formed to come up with ways we can improve the office space.
- 4 We intend to organize a contest involving physical activities.

Answers 10b

- 1 It was an/our attempt to encourage more collaboration. / It was an/our attempt at encouraging more collaboration.
- 2 There has been a significant increase in participation rates.
- 3 There was (some) resistance to the idea at first.
- 4 We have no intention of repeating this exercise.
- 5 A decision was taken to test the idea on a small section of employees.
- 6 It was interesting to see the employees' reaction to the initiative.